1	2
Himachal Pradesh	780.64
Jammu & Kashmir	966.16
Karnataka	6320.85
Kerala	2836.20
Madhya Pradesh	13898.74
Maharashtra	12494.77
Manipur	320.57
Megha aya	359.16
Mizoram	83.11
Nagaland	246.36
Orissa	9574.03
Punjab	900.86
Rajasthan	4799.63
Sikkim	92.02
Tamil Nadu	7401.28
Tripura	578.80
Uttar Pradesh	30176.52
West Bengal	10639.62
A & N Islands	44.40
D & N Haveli	43.80
Daman & Diu	1.82
Lakshadweep	.65
Pondicherry	56.57
TOTAL	148400.00

Barbed wire fencing in North-East

*253. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether border of North-East region is quite open;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent infiltration which is going on according to the public belief;

(c) whether according to the Assam accord, Home Ministry is the nodal Ministry to implement it; and

(d) if so, the reasons why Government failed to implement the accord by completing barbed wire fencing in the North-East?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The North-East region of the country shares international

borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan, China and Myanmar. The border with Bangladesh, China & Myanmar are quite porous. In accordance with the provisions of peace and Friendship Treaty of 1949 signed with Bhutan, no travel document is necessary for cross border movement from Bhutan into India and vice-versa.

(b) A series of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration into India. These measures include, *inter alia,* construction, of border roads, border fencing, raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments including night vision devices, etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh at various levels from time to time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Assam Accord provides, *inter alia,* that the international border shall be made secure against future infiltration by erection of physical barriers like walls, barbed wire fencing and other obstacles at appropriate places. In pursuance of this, sanction for the construction of 2784 Kms. of roads and 896 Kms. of fence along the Indo-Bangladesh bordere was accorded by the Central Government. 2116 Kms. of border roads and 789 Kms. of fence have been completed upto 30.9.1998.

Anti-India Campaign by Pakistan-Based Militant Organisations

*254. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that militant organisations based in Pakistan have launched a sustaineed campaign to build up anti-India hysteria in Jammu and Kashmir through a number of magazines replete with misdeeds of Indian Government and its exploitation of the people of Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the matter was taken up Government of Pakistan and is so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Government are aware of the strident and hostile anti-India propaganda directed at the population of J&K being carried out through Pakistani media and officially sponsored clandestine media operating out of Pakistan.

(c) Pakisan's support to terrorism and its anti-India campaign directed against India was taken up recently with the Government of Pakistan during discussions between the Foreign Secretaries of the two countries in Islamabad in October 1998 and during discussions between the Home Secretaries of the two countries in November 1998. The Government have strongly conveyed to Pakistan that its hostile dis-information campaign against India is not only a violation of the Shimla Agreement but it also vitiates the atmosphere of the bilateral relations. The Government have called upon the Government of Pakistan to take measures to stop the hostile anti-India campaign emanating from Pakistan. The Government have also apprised all concerned about the factual situation in J&K. There is widespread appreciation of India's position.

Proposals for wasteland development

*255. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of wasteland brought under cultivation in the country, State-wise;